technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing units all over India including U.P. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is not directly involved in developing or setting up of food processing units. During the last 3 financial years *i.e.* from 2004-05 to 2006-07 (upto February 2007), the Ministry has approved grants of Rs. 3414.69 lakhs for assisting 94 food-processing units in the State of U.P. The Ministry has also provided financial assistance to eligible institutions under the Scheme for infrastructure development, scheme for Promotion of Quality Assurance, Codex Standards, Research & Development and scheme for Human Resource Development. Besides, the Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) has also provided financial assistance in the State for setting up of facilities like Mango Pack-house and laboratory for testing products.

(c) and (d) The Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats in any particular field is done by the respective State Governments concerned to identify the potentialities of the State. However, a State level Task Force under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Industries), Government of Uttar Pradesh has been constituted for the State to guide and make recommendations to the Central Government on various aspects for the development of food processing industries in the State.

New food processing industrial units in the country

1340. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new food processing industrial units started by Government during May, 2004 to February, 2007, State-wise; and

(b) the assistance provided by his Ministry to unemployed youth, SCs and STs in particular to start food processing units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The

Ministry of Food Processing Industires (MFPI) provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aids to implementing agncies/entrepreneurs for upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing industries. The Ministry if not directly involved in setting up food processing units. State-wise number of food processing units approved by MFPI for financial assistance during the last three years upto February 2007 is given in he Statement (*See* below).

(b) MFPI provides financial assistance to implementing agencies for setting up of Food processing Training Centres. Students from SC/ST/ OBC/Women are accorded priority in such training Centres. Under the Programme for Entrepreneurship Development, unemployed youths including SCs and STs are provided training to enable them to establish commercially viable enterprises in food and agri-processing. Though nominal participation fees are charged to ensure the participation of only serious candidates, SCs and STs candidates are usually exempted from paying participation fees.

Statement

State-wise number of food processing units approved by MFPI for financial assistance

State	Year-wise details of Food Processng Units approved		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	26	24	34
Assam	8	4	12
Bihar	1	1	2
Chhattishgarh	1	4	3
Delhi	1	2	2
Goa	1	1	0
Gujarat	7	10	14
Haryana	7	3	12
Himachal Pradesh	3	4	10
Jammu & Kashmir	2	1	5

1	2	3	4
Jharkhand	2	3	0
Karnataka	15	13	25
Kerala	10	11	25
Madhya Pradesh	4	10	5
Maharashtra	24	43	70
Manipur	0	0	4
Meghalaya	1	1	2
Nagaland	0	1	1
Orissa	1	4	3
Pondicherry	1	2	1
Punjab	21	14	20
Rajasthan	3	10	25
Tamil Nadu	11	24	33
Tripura	0	0	1
Uttar Pradesh	23	20	34
Uttaranchal	2	5	14
West Bengal	13	9	19

Financial assistance for setting up of cold storages

†1341. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided for setting up cold storages under various schemes in Uttrakhand and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the amount spent under these schemes during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to review these schemes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan period to increase allocation of funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.